Extradition treaties with foreign countries

437. DR. H. P. SHARMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the name of the countries with whom India have extradition treaties or are in the process of negotiating such treaties;

(b) the general framework of negotiations in which these treaties are sought to be negotiated; and

(c) the particular problems encountered with the United Kingdom, Canada and U.S.A. in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) India has extradition Treaties with BHUTAN, UGANDA, BELGIUM, U.S.A. and CANADA. India is negotiating at the moment with the United Kingdom, and the Fedral Republic of Germany.

(b) Indian Extradition Act, 1962 provides the general framework within which negotiations are held keeping in view the law and practice of the countries concerned with which we are negotiating as also mutual interests.

(c) With respect to U.S.A. no negotiations have taken place. With respect to Canada the treaty has already been concluded. With respect to the U.K. negotiations are continuing with a view to resolving problems concerning the scope of the treaty, the offences to be covered and the grounds for refusal.

Joint US-Pak Defence Planning

438. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reports that US-Pak share military intelligence; and

(b) whether Government have reasons to believe that there exists a joint US-Pakistan defence planning; if so, what is Government's reaction thereto and the information available with them in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government have seen reports that imply the existence of a bilateral consultation group between the USA and Pakistan on the issue. Government are alert to developments that have a bearing on India's security.

महिला कैदियों के लिए कारागार

439. **श्रीमती वीणा वर्मा** : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या देश में अनन्य रूप से महिला कैदियों के लिए कोई कारागार है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो ऐसे कारागारों की संख्या कितनी है, और यदि नहीं, तो महिला कैदियों की दशा सुधारने के लिए सरकार क्या कदम उठा रही है ?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री चिन्तामणि पाणिग्रही) : (क) और (ख) जेलें राज्य का विषय होने के कारण राज्य सरकारों/संघ शासित क्षेत्र प्रशासनों की जेलों की योजना बनाना उनका कार्य है। तथापि, उपलब्ध सूचना के अनुसार आन्ध्र प्रदेश, राजस्थान, तमिलनाडु तथा उत्तर प्रदेश राज्यों में महिलाओं के लिए प्रत्येक राज्य में एक अलग जेल है। केन्द्र सरकार 8वें वित्त आयोग के निर्णय के अन्तर्गत महिला कैदियों के लिए अलग जेलों/अनाश्रित